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SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES FOR FSO'S ON HOME LEAVE

1. THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS IS INTERESTED IN UTILIZING THOSE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS WHO PLAN TO BE ON HOME LEAVE IN SOME OF ITS PUBLIC AFFAIRS EFFORTS.
2. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIR'S PROGRAMS CARRIED ON BY THE BUREAU IS TO BRING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INTO CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESS, LABOR, ACADEMIC AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND WITH MEDIA SYSTEMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO STIMULATE A BROAD AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF WORLD ISSUES AND AMERICA'S BASIC FOREIGN POLICY CHOICES.
3. THE BUREAU IS INTERESTED IN EMPLOYING FSO'S ON LEAVE AS SPEAKERS BECAUSE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF IMPORTANT GROUPS IN THEIR HOME TOWN. ALSO, THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS RECEIVES MANY WORTHWHILE REQUESTS FOR SPEAKERS WHICH IT IS UNABLE TO FUND. AS A RULE, THE BUREAU REQUESTS THAT TRAVEL EXPENSES, FOOD AND LODGING BE PAID BY THE LOCAL SPONSORS WHO ARE OFTEN UNABLE TO DO SO. AN FSO ON HOME LEAVE WOULD

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BE READILY AVAILABLE AND FINANCIALLY ACCESSIBLE TO ORGANI-

ZATIONS IN HIS HOME LEAVE COMMUNITY AND WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT A NUMBER OF INVITATIONS WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL COST TO THE SPONSOR.

4. THE TYPES OF PUBLIC APPEARANCES AN OFFICER WOULD BE ASKED TO MAKE MIGHT INCLUDE: AN APPEARANCE ON A LOCAL TV TALK SHOW; A SPEECH BEFORE THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB; A CLASS/SEMINAR AT THE LOCAL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY; AN EDITORIAL BACKGROUND SESSION WITH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS; INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP SESSIONS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, ETC.

5. ANY OFFICER WHO UNDERTAKES ONE OR MORE PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS PER DAY WHILE ON HOME LEAVE WILL RECEIVE AN EXTRA DAY'S HOME LEAVE (FAM III,445.3).

6. ANYONE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING SUCH SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT IS ASKED TO CONTACT THE SPEAKERS DIVISION, BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, ROOM 5825, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520, (202) 632-8840. A MEMBER OF THE DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAMMING IN YOUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF LEAVE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU FURTHER. KISSINGER

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